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MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, October 20TH, 2005

Present: Alan Zahradnik
Andy Preston
Farhad Mansourian
Mervin Giacomini
Rocky Birdsey
Amy Van Doren
Karen Nygren
Luke McCann
Hamid Shamsapour
Bob Brown
Dan Keen (Alternate for Dana Whitson)
Jay Tashiro (Alternate for Jean Bonander)

Absent:

Staff Members Present: Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director
Craig Tackabery, Marin Public Works Assistant Director
Hank Hauge, Nolte Associates

Vice Chair Brown called the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

1. Introductions

Committee members and staff did self-introductions.

2. Staff Comments

None.

3. Committee Member Comments

None.

4. Open Time for Public Expression

Chris Lang requested that the TAC be used as the forum for informing the public on the use of the local roadway project funding.

Andy Preston responded by pointing out that this request was addressed at the September 15th meeting.

Eric Anderson acknowledged that it was beyond the TAC scope, but that the TAC could provide a central location for the information.

Hamid Shamsapour responded by stating that the Committee needed to move on and not re-address issues that were resolved at past meetings. The public works directors from each of the cities in Marin could each provide the information to those interested.

Karen Nygren asked if the cities could link to the TAM web site with information about Measure A funded projects.

Dianne Steinhauser stated that public information about city projects could be placed on the TAM web site.

5. Consent Calendar

Meeting Minutes

M/S Brown/Keen to approve the minutes with two grammar corrections. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Measure A Strategy 3, Major Roads and Related Infrastructure

Vice Chair Brown suggested that the Project Prioritization Methodology be discussed first, and the Committee agreed. Craig Tackabery reviewed the Methodology with the Committee. Craig pointed out that the performance measure data had not been compiled yet and that the information would be available in November vs. October, as shown. It was pointed out that the TAC would review the projects following evaluation by the MPWA. The Methodology was revised to reflect this.

Karen Nygren asked how the process would address situations where the TAC did not agree with the recommendations of the MPWA. Vice Chair Brown stated that issues would go back to MPWA for further study if the TAC did not agree with MPWA's conclusions.

Performance Criteria

Craig Tackabery reviewed the performance criteria. The criteria had been revised to include comments received from TAC members following the September meeting.

Pavement Condition Index (PCI) - the pavement condition index (PCI) had not changed from the earlier draft and the definition was acceptable to the committee.

Average Daily Traffic (ADT) - Alan Zahradnik suggested that the future ADT be considered. It was pointed out that Marin cities are not experiencing significant growth or changes in land use, therefore major changes in the ADT would not be expected. The committee agreed that the existing ADT was appropriate and accepted the definition.

Transit Frequency – Alan Zahradnik stated that Golden Gate Transit could provide data for the daily bus trips. Merv Giacomini suggested that passenger miles be used rather than bus trips. It was pointed out that the greater number of buses, the greater the wear and tear on the street. The committee agreed that the number of seats be used to measure transit frequency. Alan Zahradnik stated that Golden Gate Transit would provide the data.

Bike and Pedestrian Activity – Craig Tackabery reviewed the definition of Bike and Pedestrian Activity. In an effort to keep the definition simple and easy to implement, the presence of bike lane/bike route in adopted bicycle master plan was used as a measure. Merv Giacomini stated that other elements needed to be considered, including pedestrian counts and bicycle accident history. Andy Preston stated that this data was not readily available.

The committee discussed further revisions to the definition to include pedestrian facilities. There was discussion regarding accessibility requirements, and including an accessibility reference in the definition. Since accessibility requirements will be included in any new project, it was agreed that the reference was not necessary.

School Access – this performance measure was revised to consider school zones as a measure of “school access.” School zones are identified by signage and crosswalks. Generally, any type of school, public and private, qualifies for a school zone indication.

The committee agreed that school zones would be used to measure school access.

Accident History – Farhad Mansourian pointed out that accident data is difficult to collect for small towns. Gross accident information is available, but the data should be made proportional to the ADT. It was suggested that pedestrian and bike accidents also be considered.

The committee agreed that the number of gross accidents on a roadway would be divided by the ADT for a measure of accident history.

Based on the definitions, as revised, the MPWA agreed to provide performance measures data for each of the roadway segments.

Vice Chair Brown opened the item to public comment.

Eric Anderson requested an opportunity to comment on the Committee’s findings. He stated that bike and pedestrian activity shouldn’t be combined and that local bike plans should be considered.

Chris Lang stated that since there are many accidents involving bikes, bike accidents are an important factor and should be considered in the performance measure. He also stated that Class 1 facilities are part of the bicycle facility mix and should be considered in the evaluation. He also recommended that bike traffic should be included in the ADT count and that bus trip counts should consider tourist buses, airport busses, and paratransit buses.

7. Measure A Strategy 4 – Crossing Guard Program Process

Item carried over until the November meeting.

8. Adjourn to November 17, 2005 meeting

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm